

persuasion of a never-failing supply, takes from them all solicitude; light, and disincumbered of every care, they press forward with incredible ardor; the views extend, the prospect opens, and a flood of glory, brighter than the mid-day sun, receives them to unutterable bliss and rapture.

What thou hast seen, said the genii, requires no explanation: I shall only observe to thee, that human life is that portion of time allotted to mortals by way of trial; and every thing necessary to make it easy and delightful, is freely given, and may be enjoyed, within proper limitations, with perfect innocence and safety: in the excess like all the danger, and the unavoidable consequence of that excess, is misery. This profusion of good things is thus indulgently poured out around thee by the great Author of thy being; every pleasure thou possessest flows from his immediate bounty, and to him thou art indebted for those external graces which adorn thy person, as well as for the moral and intellectual beauties of the mind. The proper return for all these favours is a grateful heart, and a cheerful obedience and submission to his holy will. Consider him as the fountain of thy happiness, and he will necessarily become the supreme object of thy affections; and friendship, love, and every human passion, will give

give place to this more divine and seraphic ardor.

Selima was still listening to the genii with great attention, and expecting the sequel of his discourse; when, looking up, she found he had disappeared. She was troubled at his leaving her, and uneasy to think how she should descend from the summit of the mountain, when a bird of the finest plumage flew before her, and conducted her down the declivity with the greatest ease and safety.

MORAL.

God is the author of all our mercies, the giver of every good thing, and as such deserves our highest praise and adoration.

HISTORY